

The First Concert in the Park M. E. Church.

The pastor promised by the Young Men's Association of the Park M. E. Church, to speak according to announcement, far exceeded the anticipations of the most sanguine. The weather was clear and invigorating, and not a single face in the choice audience bore a trace of the dull side of life. Life was bright and partook of the gaiety which pervaded in the spring air. Life was also fully symbolized in the young man's sprightly deportment, his frank and open countenance, an off-hand boy pianist, who, though still in his teens, interested and a reader whose young, intelligent and attractive all, and whose pale complexion reminded one of rose-buds, won the audience to "mirth and to tears."

From the first the audience is represented them in their interest slackened, but increased, as the young, interesting and word-pictures vividly suggested scenes of battles and of human nature.

The musical report is hardly creditable to deservingly treat the music of the occasion.

In the singing of Miss Anna Mason, young soprano of New York, we cannot say the voice is powerful, but sweet, clear and ringing, while her whole being is in it; in short it is evident that discipline and art have lavished their gifts upon her. Her rendering of "My Love is Come" Marziola elicited a hearty ovation to which she responded with ardent enthusiasm. "Suppose," setting forth the principle, "a love, a true ballad style." The recital of childhood gathered round her at the end of the program and renewed the joy of other years with many congratulations.

Where all is pleasing it is difficult to comment. We hear in memory the Angels Serenade, and in fancy there is no better than the music to the strings of the accompaniment with the voices of the violinists, a liquid Italian syllables seem like water droplets slipping from their outstretched hands to charm away from us all sorrow and care.

There was a lack of concerted pieces, in the enjoyment of the program we easily overcame the overplus of solo work. The pastor, Minister of the New York Congregationalists, of whom we are glad to try to portray giving his place was extremely brilliant but altogether mature or finished; however experience and practice will doubtless help all this in good time. His music is not mechanical but from the soul. "Home, Sweet Home" was substituted for the familiar "Home on the Range." The awakening of the Lion is rendered in a style which stirred the depths of our hearts.

The reading "Home, Sweet Home" by Mrs. Jessie Ellis, represented hostile lines encamped within hearing distance of each other. The camp music of the blue and the gray is heard successively arousing patriotism and martial spirit, and every soldier heart.

The Recital of the Brooklyn school girl in "Helenus" and "Protoplasm," Awfully Lovely Philosophy, endeavored to declare her passion to her friend fortunately deprived of college advantages and at the same time keep up her devotions to the gun-drummers so well known. In "School Days," Helenus was most sympathetically given.

"Felicis Monument" was a pathetic portrayal of the faithful little slave heart, in its attachment to "Massa."

"I was so faithfully rendered that there were but few dry eyes among the visitors. In sharp contrast was the sentimental following and the other, the school-girl heart, couvésed with laughter. The strong, powerful "Hail, K. S. Hayes" was a much dramatic piece. Mrs. Ellis displayed much vocal power, intonation, etc., and especially her simple, animated manner and graceful appropriate gestures. Brooklyn, when skilfully handled by an expert girl, is always captivating, and Mrs. Ellis of New York, though her songs were classic carried her audience with her, and it was always with pleasure that the audience enjoyed the singer's skillful treatment of her pieces.

To her first encore was added the "Last Rose of Summer," unhesitatingly and charmingly sweet, rewarded with applause.

The last number of the program was "Mrs. K. S. Hayes' Performance," a duet by Miss Mason and Mr. H. C. Monroe, of the Wesleyan Academy, who has been a

but rarely recalled. Mr. Monroe has a very musical, clear voice, though not remarkable for power, it is finely very pleasing.

Mr. Bradford viewed from all standpoints was a very decided success, and the people to be congratulated on his lecture. If any or all of these arrangements in our town, they would be of still more hearty welcome and an audience more numerous, i.e. as to size, as the speaker could not complain could not be made this even more popular.

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